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SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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2008 Board of Directors

Jeff F. Bolton
President 07-08

Stephen L. Curran
Vice-President 07-08

John D. Owens
Secretary/Treasurer 07-08

Vernon Pierce
Sergeant-at-Arms
07-08

Gary Collins
Fire Director 07-08

Dale Jackson
Fire Director 08-09

Doug Jones
Industry Director
07-08

Larry McBride
Industry Director
08-09

Tod McDowell
Police Director 07-08

Aleta Cappen
Police Director 08-09

Larry Richard
At-Large Director
07-08

Mark Brown
EMS Director 08-09

Cindy Powers
Health Director
07-08

December M I N U T E S

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

NEXT MEETING

The January 7th, 2009 , **713th SNCA meeting** at 10:00 a.m. will be hosted by the SNCA (Strategic Planning Meeting) at the Sunset Grove Country Club, 2900 W. Sunset Drive in Orange.

The 712th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was hereby called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday December 3rd, 2008 and was hosted by Hardin Co. ESD #5 at Courville's.

Father Martin Nolson, Chaplain with the Sour Lake Volunteer Fire Department gave the invocation.

Steve Curran led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Self-introductions were made and Host, Glen Withers with Hardin Co. ESD #5 welcomed the membership.

The following SNCA Officers were excused: Tod McDowell, Cindy Powers, Vernon Pierce and Mark Brown

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Jeff Bolton, asked for "Approval" of the 711th previous month's minutes as e-mailed for the November 5th, 2008 meeting. A motion was made by Terry Basham and seconded by Tom Colwell to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDANCE

- President Bolton read a “Letter of Thanks” received from Lamar Institute of Technology (L.I.T.) to Steve Curran for attending the “Community Stakeholders Master Planning Forum that was held on Wednesday, November 5th. “Your valuable input will help LIT prepare for our current and future institutional needs to serve our community”.
- President Bolton read a Membership Application Letter and Sponsorship Letter from Invista Orange Sabine. As per protocol, The Application Letter and Sponsorship Letter will be read at the next scheduled Board of Directors Meeting for membership approval. * The required Inventory information has been forwarded to Vernon Pierce.

TREASURERS REPORT

Information compiled by John Owens, Sec. /Treasurer with the assistance of John Avery, PAFD

Balance as of 12-01-08.

Checking:	\$21,506.82
CD	\$ 4,967.86

Total Balance	\$26,474.68

A motion was made by Larry Richard and seconded by Ricky Land to approve the report from the Treasurer. Motion passed.

****In reference to FY'09 SNCA Dues Payments:**

A total of 65 members have paid to date. Approximately one-third of the members have not yet paid. See list of paid members below:

Acadian Ambulance 09
American Red Cross 09
BASF Port Arthur 09
Beaumont Fire 09
Beaumont Fire Ext/Simplex 09
Beaumont Police 09
Bridge City Police 09
Chemtrade 09 (Peak)
Chevron Orange 09
Chevron Phillips Port Arthur '09
China FD 09 dues
Christus Hospital St. E 09
Christus St. Mary 09
Colonial Pipeline 09
Dooley Tackaberry 09
Dyn McDermott Petroleum 09
Entergy 09
Explorer Pipeline 09

Exxon Mobil PE 09
Goodyear Tire and Rubber 09
Groves Fire 09
Groves Police 09
Hamshire FD 09
Hardin County Emergency Mgt. 09
Hardin County ESD 2 09
Hardin county ESD 5 09 dues
Hardin County ESD 6 09
Huntsman, Port Neches 09 dues
Hardin County Sheriff 09
Industrial Fire World 09 dues
ISTC 09
Jefferson County Emer. Mgt. 09
Jefferson County ESD 1 09
Jefferson County LEPC 09
Jefferson County Sheriff 09
Jefferson County WCID #10 09
Labelle Fannett FD 09 dues
Martin Midstream Partners 09
Mclewis FD 09 dues
Merisol 09
Motiva 09
Nederland Fire 09
Nederland Police 09
Nome Fire 09
Oil Mop 09
Orange County Emerg. Mgt. 09
Orange County ESD 1 09
Orange County ESD 3 09
Orange Fire 09
Port Arthur Fire 09
Port Arthur Police 09
Port Neches Fire 09
Port Neches Police 09
Shell Pipeline 09
Southeast Tex. Airport dues 09
Sun Marine Terminals (Sunoco) 09
Texas Gas 09 dues
Texas Petrochemicals 09
Total Petrochemicals 09
Total Safety 09 (WSI)
Valero 09
Vidor ISD 09
Vidor Police 09

West Orange Police 09
Williams Fire 09

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS:

President Bolton discussed the election that was to be held today to fill the Board of Directors Positions that are open. The following Board Positions are up for election:

- Secretary-Treasurer: currently held by John Owens
- Sergeant at Arms: currently held by Vernon Pierce
- One of the Fire Director Positions: currently held by Gary Collins
- One of the Industry Director Positions: currently held by Doug Jones
- One of the Police Director Positions: currently held by Tod McDowell
- The At-Large Position: currently held by Larry Richard
- The Health Director Position: currently held by Cindy Powers

The following nominations have been received: (all nominations have been confirmed as voting members of their respective entities).

09-10 Secretary-Treasurer:	Terry Basham Tom Colwell
09-10 Sergeant-At-Arms	Vernon Pierce
09-10 Fire Director	Larry Richard
09-10 Industry Director	Mark Czerwiec Doug Jones
09-10 Police Director	Roy Birdsong Tod McDowell
09-10 At-Large Director	Jeff Kelley
09-10 EMS Director	Butch Holmes
09-10 Health Director	Cindy Powers

Written ballots were available for the election. As per Article 1, Section 7 of the Constitution, "Spaces for write-in candidates shall be provided on the election ballot". The slate (list) of nominations were presented to the membership at the meeting, and the President provided the membership the opportunity to make nominations from the

floor, or accept the slate as presented. No nominations were made from the floor. The Nominations Committee Chairman, Tommy Wells had previously insured the prospective candidate(s) meet the qualifications for elected office in the Association prior to a vote being taken.

Therefore, the election was held by written ballot. In the absence of Tommy Wells, Vice President, Steve Curran, along with Elgin Browning and Dale Jackson counted all of the written ballots and election results were as follows:

Automatically move-up as per SNCA Constitution and By-Laws

09-10 President Stephen L. Curran

09-10 Vice President John D. Owens

Newly Elected Positions:

09-10 Secretary-Treasurer: Terry Basham

09-10 Sergeant-At-Arms Vernon Pierce (incumbent-unopposed)

09-10 Fire Director Larry Richard (unopposed)

09-10 Industry Director Doug Jones

09-10 Police Director Tod McDowell

09-10 At-Large Director Jeff Kelley (unopposed)

09-10 EMS Director Butch Holmes (unopposed)

09-10 Health Director Cindy Powers (incumbent-unopposed)

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 Board Members and many thanks to those who served all of us for the 2008-2009 year!!

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee: Tommy Wells (absent)

See above election information.

Membership Committee: Dennis Gifford- Absent: No Report

Constitution and By-Laws: Gary Collins - No Report

Audit Committee: Andrew Garcia – Absent- No Report

Training and Education Committee: Elgin Browning

NOTE: All programs are subject to change at a moment's notice due to changes of emergencies, conflicts in scheduling, etc.

March 23-27, 2009 **Industrial Fire World Conference**
Beaumont, Texas

April 6-10, 2009 **National Hurricane Conference**
Austin, Texas
www.hurricanemeeting.com

March 23-26, 2009 **State Hurricane Conference and Homeland Security Conf.**
Austin, Texas

April 19-23, 2009 **Williams Foam School**
Beaumont, Texas
www.williamsfire.com

Nov 22-25, 2009 **Texas EMS conference**
Ft. Worth, Texas
http://www.texasemsconference.com/texas_ems_2009.htm

**** Bob Stegall advised the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) has organized an ICS 300 and ICS 400 Class of Instruction at the city of Beaumont EOC, 700 Orleans (Downtown Beaumont) and there are currently (15) openings for the ICS 300 course and (7) openings for the ICS 400 course. Anyone interested please contact Robert Grimm with the SETRPC, email: Robert Grimm (rgrimm@setrpc.org)**

For Calendar Updates or Additions, or more info regarding Training and Education, Please email Elgin Browning at ebrowning@gt.rr.com

Awards Committee: Stephanie Garsea

Nominations were received prior to the deadline of October 31st. The Board of Directors confirmed the nominations and awards for the following categories:

Outstanding Member: Presented to a member in recognition of exemplary performance relating to emergency management, emergency response, or emergency related duties or program administration.

Community Service: Presented to any person who has provided leadership, guidance, facilities, equipment, or support to an Emergency Response Program, a Community, or the Profession in the furtherance of emergency response activities.

Distinguished Service: Presented to the Outgoing President

Special Awards: The Awards Committee may recommend any Special Awards in recognition of contributions made in the advancement of Emergency Management, Emergency Response, or Public Safety.

The SNCA Awards will be presented at the annual Bosses Night Dinner on Monday, December 8th, 2008.

Communications Committee: Pat Grimes – Absent- None

Inventory: Vernon Pierce- Absent

Dale Jackson, who is assisting Vernon with the Inventory Database advised there are still a few inventories missing and he urges members that have not submitted them to please do so as soon as possible.

Bosses Night: David Frenzel –

Bosses Night is scheduled for December 8th (second Monday in December) at the Brad Club. Social Hour will run 6-7PM and then dinner. The event should be over by 8:30PM.

David advised everything is in place and ready to go.

Everyone is encouraged to attend, bring your "Boss" and have some fun!!

Program Committee: Bryant Champagne-

Should any member have an idea for a program, please contact Bryant at (409) 989-7909 or email him at bryant.champagne@motivaent.com

Drill and Exercise Committee: Bob Stegall

Bob advised that the U.S. Coast Guard currently has an Operation underway whereas they are checking to see who does and does not have the required TWIC (Transportation Worker Identification Credential) card within the region.

Bob further advised there will be a combination FSO (Facility Security Officer) and Port Security Grant Outreach Meeting held on Monday, December 8, 2008. The meeting will be held in the training room, 2nd floor, Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur. The meeting starts at 9:00 AM and will likely run 2-2.5 hours depending on questions.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Homeland Security Committee: Steve Curran

Steve advised that due to the recent Terrorist Event in Mumbai, India, DHS has raised the Homeland Security Advisory System Level to “Orange, or High” from “Yellow, or Elevated” at all airports in the United States.

Oil Spill Committee: Tommy Wells- Absent-No Report

Overhead Team Committee: Scott Kerwood-Absent

Steve Curran was asked by Scott to report the following:

A meeting of the Overhead Team Committee was held recently. At the meeting the consensus was that we need more Overhead Team members from our region. At the next SNCA meeting in January 2009, which will be a “Strategic Planning Meeting”, Bob Koenig, with the Texas Forest Service will give a presentation on the Overhead Team concept. Any qualified personnel that may be interested can sign-up to be a part of the regions Incident Management Team.

Strategic Planning Committee: Cindy Powers- Absent- No Report

SNCA Golf Tournament Committee: Bryant Champagne-

Bryant advised next years tournament is scheduled for March 23rd, 2009, and the committee is hoping to have the event at Bevil Oaks Country Club and have two flights. Last years proceeds went to the LIT “Real American Hero” Scholarship Fund and was a huge success. This year, Bryant and Stephanie Garsea will be co-chairing. Industrial Fire World will be assisting. Other volunteers are needed. If you would like to help with the event please contact Bryant or Stephanie.

Public Relations Committee: Stephanie Garsea—No Report

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES

Recent emergencies were discussed in the following categories: Industry, Municipal Fire, Law Enforcement, EMS, Homeland Security and Health.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

PROGRAM

Will Lyons and Jim Doane with Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT) introduced the new “ Department of Public Service and Safety Department” at L.I.T.

PLEASE NOTE THE UP-COMING HOSTS:

MONTH	YEAR	ENTITY
January	2009	SNCA: Strategic Planning Meeting
February	2009	Garner Environmental
March	2009	Goodyear
April	2009	SNCA: Strategic Planning Meeting
May	2009	Chevron Phillips: Port Arthur
June	2009	Exxon-Mobil
July	2009	SNCA: Strategic Planning Meeting
August	2009	Nederland Fire Department
September	2009	Motiva
October	2009	Port Neches Fire Department
November	2009	Port Arthur Police and Fire Departments
December	2009	Beaumont Fire and Police Departments

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dale Jackson and seconded by Terry Basham to adjourn the [712th](#) meeting at 11:40 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Owens

Secretary/Treasurer